



**CCHS Laudatio**  
30th January 2026

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LAMPADA

**Founded 1907**

A leading academic school community,  
inspired to excellence in education and opportunity for girls

## MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

We recently received the GCSE certificates for students now in Year 12. To mark this, we held a special assembly this morning with Year 12 students to celebrate them. Sitting your first round of public examinations is clearly a significant experience for young people. Receiving the results in the summer is momentous – a testament to hard work, commitment and ability. Being celebrated and congratulated is another important experience, providing an opportunity for reflection and pride.

We were delighted that a former CCHS student, Fortune Ibrahim, kindly returned as our guest speaker for this celebration assembly. With an audience of our current Year 11 students, we collectively congratulated all students in Year 12, those who sat their GCSE's at CCHS and at other schools, on their impressive and inspirational academic achievements. How fortunate we are to be working with such a talented year group.

Continuing the theme of celebrating students, this week we were treated to a superb production of George Orwell's 'Animal Farm'. The final performance is taking place this evening. The matinee performance for Year 7 students on Wednesday afternoon and the first open evening performance yesterday resulted in fulsome praise and compliments for all involved. A particular thanks and congratulations to Miss Day (Subject Leader of Drama & Theatre Studies) for her vision and leadership of the school production.



**CCHS Inspires**  
A leading academic school community, inspired to excellence in education and opportunity for girls

**PASTORAL SUPPORT & EMPOWERMENT**

- Actively socially inclusive with our Future Stories Entrance Test and Leaders of Tomorrow Programme
- Outstanding tailored Pastoral provision, including a SEND Quiet Room, Pastoral Hub and strong links with external services
- Carers Trust & The Children's Society Young Carers Award
- The Great British Schools Guide named CCHS as one of England's most well-behaved and safest schools

**ACADEMIC STRENGTH & SUCCESS**

- Top 20 state school nationally, The Sunday Times Parent Power Guide 2026, 2025, 2024 and 2023
- The Prince's Teaching Institute Subject Marks, in recognition of outstanding teaching
- National Association for Able Children in Education Challenge Award
- CCHS Institute, providing academic lectures & seminars and essay competitions
- CCHS Aspire, supporting our able students with applications to Cambridge, Oxford and other Russell Group universities

**ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY & ADVENTURE**

- House Community, building friendships across year groups and bringing joyful competition
- Enrichment Days across the academic year for all key stages
- A host of lunchtime clubs & societies for all year groups
- Our Sixth Form Electives Programme, designed to complement academic study with creativity, wellbeing and real-world insight
- Educational Trips, across all key stages, including a Sixth Form expedition with Operation Wallacea



# CCHS Values

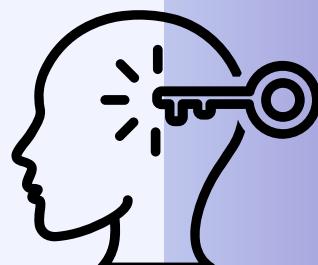
## CITIZENSHIP

Inspire future citizens to think for themselves and to act for others. (Amplification of School Vision: 'Developing the leaders of tomorrow')



## ENLIGHTENMENT

Equip students with the insight and determination to embrace new ideas, technology and innovation, enabling them to contribute to the ever-changing natural and physical world around them. (Mathematics, Computer Science and Natural Sciences subjects)



## DISTINCTION

Students will be provided with an outstanding education and we expect them to do their best in all endeavours. (Amplification of School Aim 1: 'The pursuit of excellence')



## CHALLENGE

Students will be stimulated to acquire new knowledge & understanding and motivated to develop new skills & attributes. (Amplification of School Aim 2: 'Fulfilling individual potential')

## DUTY

Students will conduct themselves with civility and compassion at all times, supporting each other and looking beyond themselves. (Amplification of School Aim 3: 'Contributing to the community')

## IMAGINATION

Enable students to explore new ideas and empathise with the thinking of others, without limitation or risk. (English, Sport and Arts subjects)



## DIVERSITY

Provide students with the tools to respect and celebrate the great diversity of cultures, backgrounds and beliefs, within and beyond the School, whilst recognising that we have more in common than that which divides us. (Humanities, Languages and Social Sciences subjects)

# Desiderata

## GO PLACIDLY amid the noise

and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

by Max Ehrmann ©1927



# Student Achievements

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Have you got some news to share?  
If so, please email Mrs Gross ([jgross@cchs.co.uk](mailto:jgross@cchs.co.uk)) and attach a photo or logo, if applicable.



Jesvee (9A) has achieved 2nd degree black belt in Martial Arts.

Congratulations, Jesvee!

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Lilly, 9F, has been selected for the under 14 girls' coaching programme, for 2026, with Essex Golf .

We wish her the best of luck for the 2026 season, well done Lilly!



Our AOTW is Hannah Yeboah 9F, for her continued commitment to extra-curricular Netball and being a fantastic role model on and off the court.



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Prethika, Year 13, was felicitated at the London Tamil Sangam Thai Pongal event for her excellent scores in the Cambridge A level Tamil exams and achieving 91%.

East Ham constituency Member of Parliament Sir Stephen Cresswell Timms presented the award to her.

Congratulations, Prethika!



## Celebrating our STEM Leaders!

Last week, we were delighted to celebrate the achievements of our fantastic Year 10 and Year 11 STEM Leaders, who have successfully completed their Level 1 and Level 2 STEM Leadership Qualifications respectively. During a special presentation, each student received their certificate from Mrs Cross along with a bespoke STEM badge, expertly designed and created by Dr Cannon for our leaders.

A huge thank you to Dr Cannon, Mr Moller and Miss Guy for their dedication in running the STEM Leadership programmes during lunchtimes and for continuously inspiring our young scientists, engineers, and innovators.

Well done to all our STEM Leaders!





## Arts Enterprise Workshop Inspires Creative Thinking and Community Connection

Recently, our Art and Drama students took part in an inspiring Arts Enterprise workshop led by Sharon Kanolik from Culture Chelmsford. Nineteen students were invited to step into the role of arts entrepreneurs, exploring how creativity can be used as a powerful tool for positive social change within our local community.

The workshop introduced students to the idea of thinking beyond individual artworks and instead curating experiences, events and projects that bring people together. Through a series of discussions, creative tasks and examples of large-scale arts projects from across the UK and beyond, students were encouraged to consider how art can tell stories, raise awareness and create a sense of belonging.

Working collaboratively in groups of 4, students identified issues they care about in the local area such as racism, homophobia, homelessness and crime. They then explored different art forms and locations around Chelmsford and developed imaginative project ideas aimed at engaging young people and the wider community. They also learned about branding, marketing and pitching, developing valuable transferable skills that will benefit them whether they pursue careers in the arts or beyond.

One particularly thought-provoking idea came from a group calling themselves “Project Our Art.” They proposed an app-based concept that would allow digital artwork to be uploaded and projected onto walls around the town centre. This idea would enable everyone (not just professional artists) to contribute to Chelmsford’s already vibrant street art scene, creating an ever-changing, collaborative public gallery shaped by the community itself.

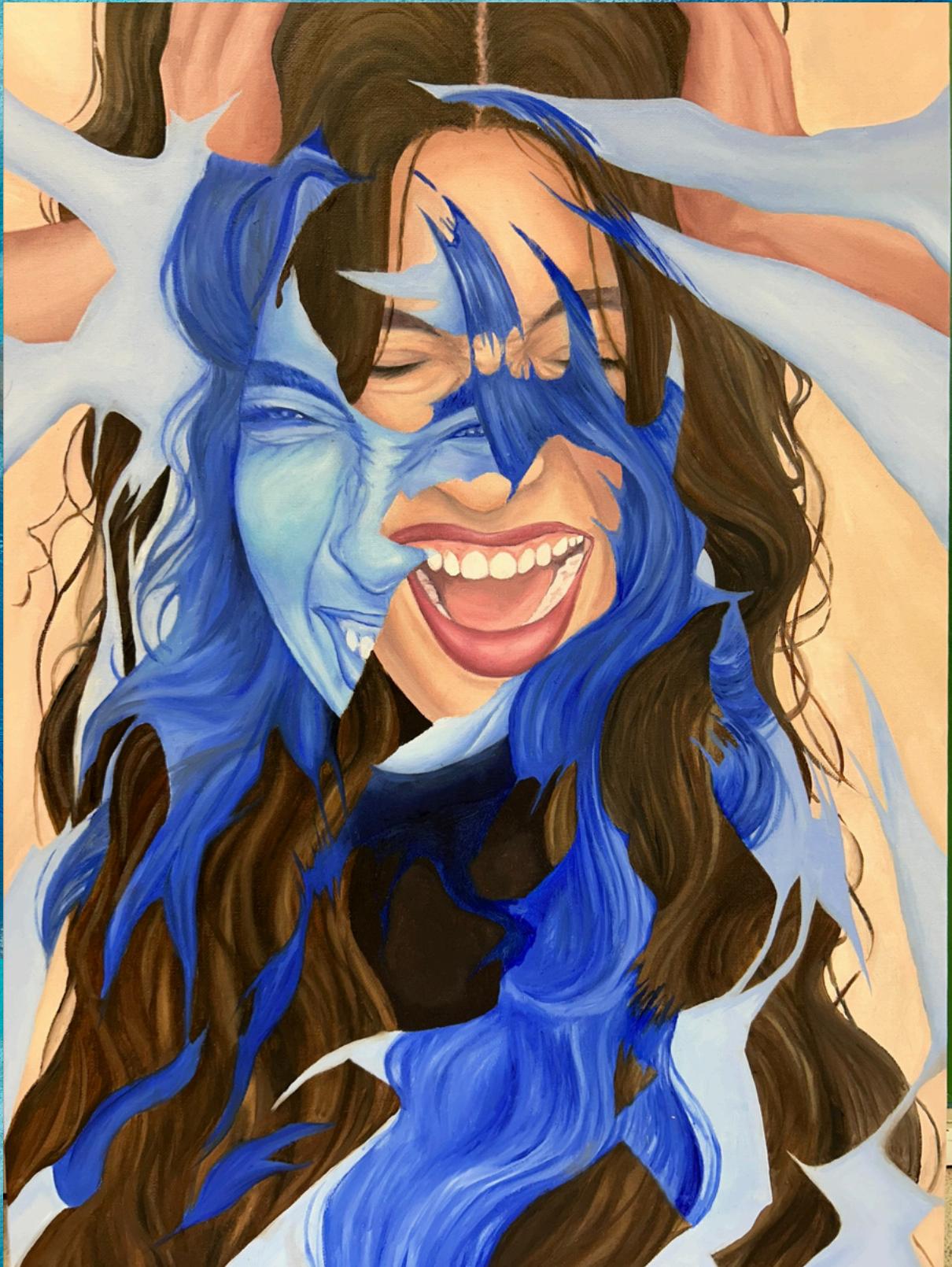
Students thoroughly enjoyed the session, describing it as engaging, empowering and eye-opening. The workshop not only challenged them to think creatively but also helped them see how their ideas and voices can have real impact beyond the classroom.

We would like to thank Sharon Kanolik and Culture Chelmsford for delivering such an inspiring and meaningful workshop, and congratulate our students on their enthusiasm, creativity and thoughtful project ideas.

Mr J Harvey  
School Development Leader and Subject Leader of Art



# Artist *of the week*



## ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Emily in Year 13, for her split emotions painting. Well done!



**PROUD TO BE THE 5TH BEST GIRLS'  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL IN ENGLAND FOR  
SPORT**

**2025**

***Ranked 41st Best State  
School in England for Sport***

***Proudly Ranked 126th in England  
for Sport Among State &  
Independent Schools***





# LOST PROPERTY AMNESTY

Tuesday 3rd February

From 12.35pm-1.15pm - V10

**IF YOU HAVE LOST ANY WATER BOTTLES, PE BAGS, COATS OR  
ANY OTHER ITEMS, PLEASE COME AND TAKE A LOOK (ANY  
ITEMS LEFT WILL BE DISPOSED OF)**

THANK YOU

# POLICY REMINDER

In line with the NHS guidance, it is mandatory that any student experiencing diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms remains away from the school setting until they have been symptom-free for 48 hours (the *48-hour rule*) and are feeling well.

This policy helps reduce the spread of contagious illnesses such as stomach bugs (norovirus or rotavirus), which can spread quickly in classrooms.



[Click here for NHS information on this topic](#)

The full experience of  
**Adventure  
Island** ... at a lower price

**Exclusive CCHS PA price**

**JUST  
£20!**

**Why you'll love it:**

- Enjoy £8 off the usual £28 gate price
- Valid throughout the 2026 season
- Each voucher = a wristband for a full day of fun!

**ORDER NOW ON PARENTPAY**

**How to get your reduced price wristbands:**

Order via ParentPay. Vouchers will be available for collection from the Finance Office the week following purchase.

We have limited availability, so once they're gone, they're gone. 😊 Vouchers are non-refundable.



[adventureisland.co.uk](http://adventureisland.co.uk)

# Arrival at and departure from school

We continue to engage with local residents (First Avenue, Corporation Road, Swiss Avenue, Westfield Avenue and Elms Drive) concerning their experiences during student arrival and departure periods.

Further to my communications on this matter previously, I note below key points of information to support CCHS families:

- Chelmsford City Council provided the following about the use of Rectory Lane car park:

*"Please be advised there is a standard five-minute grace period on all vehicles to allow the purchase of a pay and display ticket. Therefore, any vehicles that are in the car park for the purposes of dropping off and / or picking up should fall within that grace period."*

- As a result of the concerns raised by local residents regarding instances of inconsiderate and at times dangerous parking, South Essex Parking Partnership noted that their Parking Enforcement Team will be stepping up their patrols in the area.
- Our School Eco Committee is undertaking work, supported by the local authority, to explore how students travel to and from school, and how we could support both school families and the wider community with matters of travel, parking and congestion.
- Our Senior Leadership Team is working with local officials and local politicians on the matter of parking and congestion, and we have made suggestions to support this work, including the idea of creating a new entrance/exit point to the school site on the Chelmer Valley Road (east side of the campus).

Thank you, as ever, for your support in ensuring that we are mindful of local residents, as we work to keep people safe and relations cordial.

Please be aware of your surroundings when dropping off and picking up students to and from school. The area directly outside our school, in Broomfield Road, is a very busy thoroughfare. A vehicle which is not parked safely can be dangerous for other vehicles, as can dropping off/picking up students in the buslane.



**ROAD  
SAFETY**

# CCHS News this week...

## PERSE CODING CHALLENGE

Posted: 26th January 2026

Good luck to all of our students who are participating in the Perse Coding Challenge this morning.



## INTERNATIONAL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD

Posted: 28th January 2026

All the best to our Year 13 students participating in the International Chemistry Olympiad today.



## TOP 200 SPORTING SCHOOLS 2025

Posted: 28th January 2026

We are delighted to inform you that the School Sports Magazine has listed our school in the top 200 sporting schools for 2025.

In terms of the headlines for CCHS:

- 126th nationally amongst all state and independent schools
- 41st nationally amongst all state schools
- 5<sup>th</sup> nationally amongst all girls' grammar schools

We are very proud of our CCHS sportswomen and thankful to the PE Department for all their wonderful work supporting and encouraging our students.

## ANIMAL FARM

Posted: 29th January 2026

We are looking forward to this year's school production of 'Animal Farm'. Congratulations to all those involved who have worked hard to rehearse and prepare for what will be another set of fantastic performances.

The Arts - Chelmsford County High School for Girls (cchs.co.uk)

## HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Posted: 27th January 2026

"The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) 2026, 'Bridging Generations', is a call-to-action. A reminder that the responsibility of remembrance doesn't end with the survivors – it lives on through their children, their grandchildren and through all of us. This theme encourages us all to engage actively with the past – to listen, to learn and to carry those lessons forward. By doing so, we build a bridge between memory and action, between history and hope for the future." (Holocaust Memorial Day Trust).

Thank you to our students and staff, who delivered our Holocaust Memorial Day whole-school assembly.

[Holocaust Memorial Day Trust | Bridging Generations: Theme for 2026](#)

## SIAN CLEAVER, CCHS ALUMNA, AND THE RETURN TO THE MOON

Posted: 26th January 2026

Last year, Sian Cleaver was the guest speaker at our Senior Speech Day ceremony, held at Chelmsford Cathedral, celebrating the achievements and contributions of our senior students. Sian, who completed her A-level studies at CCHS in 2005, is now a spacecraft engineer at Airbus, and has worked on the Orion spacecraft as part of the Artemis project. Indeed, as the BBC News article linked below highlights, Sian and her colleagues are playing a significant role in the first crewed mission to the Moon in more than 50 years.

[Artemis II: NASA's mega Moon rocket arrives at launch pad – BBC News](#)

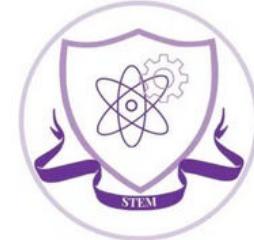


## INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE

Posted: 28th January 2026

Good luck to all our students who are participating in the Intermediate Maths Challenge today.

STEM & STEAM - Chelmsford County High School for Girls  
UKMT



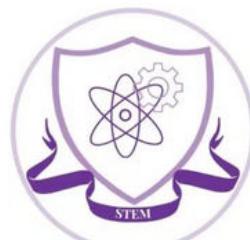
## INTERMEDIATE PHYSICS CHALLENGE

Posted: 29th January 2026

Good luck to our students who are participating in the Intermediate Physics Challenge today.

BPhO

STEM & STEAM - Chelmsford County High School for Girls



# Our Commitment to Girls' Education

We are proud to be a **founding member of the UK division of the International Coalition of Girls' Schools (ICGS)** – a global organisation dedicated to empowering girls through education and sharing research-based best practices.

The ICGS conducts extensive research into the benefits of an all-girls education, including improved academic outcomes, confidence, and leadership opportunities. These insights help us shape the very best learning environment for your daughter.

## Why should parents engage with this research?

By exploring these studies, you can:

- ✓ Understand the proven advantages of an all-girls education.
- ✓ Gain practical strategies to support your daughter's learning journey.
- ✓ Stay informed about global trends and innovations in girls' education.

We regularly update our website with the latest research findings and will continue to share details when new studies are released.

👉 **Discover more here:** <https://www.cchs.co.uk/about-us/girls-education-research/>

Together, we can ensure every student thrives and becomes a leader of tomorrow.

## This week in PSHE

YEAR GROUP	TUESDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY				PERIOD 4
	A	C	F	G	
7		Puberty pt2			Puberty talk with Ms Buckley
8	Discrimination	Fire officer			Unhealthy thoughts.
9			Ending relationships		
10			Positive & negative thoughts		
11			Revision skills with Mr Selby		
12			Model United Nations		
13			Voting and parliament		

Elevate Education's Spring Term

## Parent Webinar Series

Elevate Education delivers high-impact workshops to our students that help to develop their study skills, motivation, and exam preparation. Over the next term, you're invited to join their parent webinar series, where you can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school.

### ***How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory***

10th February 6:00pm (GMT)

### ***How You Can Help Your Child Prepare for Exams***

3rd March 6:00pm (GMT)

### ***How You Can Support Your Child During Exams***

17th March 6:00pm (GMT)

Register today at: <https://go.elevateducation.com/ukschoolwebinar>

**CCHS Parents'  
Association Presents...**

# Quiz Night

**FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEB**

**at CCHS Main Hall.  
Doors Open at 6:15pm**

**(PROMPT START AT 7PM WITH A  
SCHEDULED FINISH TIME OF 10PM)**

**ALL PARENTS, TEACHERS,  
STUDENTS & FRIENDS WELCOME.**

Tickets £10 each via Parent Pay

**HOT PRE-ORDERED FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE,  
PLUS WINE, BEER, SOFT DRINKS AND OTHER  
REFRESHMENTS. THERE WILL ALSO BE A RAFFLE DRAW.**

## **Contact us**

by email at **PA@cchs.co.uk** if you wish to be  
put together as a team of up to 10 people.

# QUIZ NIGHT

Pre-order Pizza Menu. Pre-order via Parent Pay and email your team's choices to [PA@CCHS.co.uk](mailto:PA@CCHS.co.uk)



## CHEESE & TOMATO £12

LARGE SIZE

Tomato Sauce & Mozzarella. Suitable for Vegetarians.



## PEPPERONI £12

LARGE SIZE

Pepperoni, Tomato Sauce & Mozzarella.



## VEGAN CHEESE & TOMATO £12

LARGE SIZE



Vegan Dough, Vegan Cheese & Tomato Sauce.



## GLUTEN FREE PEPPERONI £8

### SMALL SIZE



Gluten Free Pizza Base, Tomato Sauce, Mozzarella & Pepperoni.

## GLUTEN FREE CHEESE & TOMATO £8

### SMALL SIZE



Gluten Free Pizza Base, Tomato Sauce & Mozzarella



## WINE, BEER & SOFT DRINKS



Plus a range of other snacks are available on the night.

**PIZZAS SUPPLIED BY:  
DOMINO'S PIZZA**



# CCHS PA PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE

**FEBRUARY 2026**

Please email the completed form to  
[cchssecondhanduniform@yahoo.com](mailto:cchssecondhanduniform@yahoo.com)  
by Sunday 22nd February

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As you know, CCHS PA hold regular pre-loved uniform sales online. Last year, we filled around 100 orders and made around **£3,000** for the PA.

We are delighted to have saved £100s for those that have bought from us and reduced the amount of used clothing going to landfill.

- For sizing, please refer to our supplier's website [www.monkhouse.com](http://www.monkhouse.com)
- We process orders on a first come first served basis. Please understand that we may not have all items that you request as we are dependent on the donations we receive.
- We will always send you the best quality clothing that we have available, but please keep in mind that this is pre-loved uniform and the condition of items can vary.
- Please note that PE tops and sweatshirts often have names embroidered on them. You can either unpick and re-embroider your daughter's name or use a sew-on or iron-on label over the top of the old name.
- Once we check our stock against your requested items, we will email you to confirm the total price to pay and ask you to pay online to the PA account.
- Once payment is received, the orders will be packaged and delivered to the school. We will contact you to confirm collection arrangements.
- Returns cannot be accepted.

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If you need name labels for uniform, bags, drinks bottles, etc please use Stikins - the PA get commission on your purchase and you don't need to do any sewing as the label simply sticks in!



## REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE

As your daughter outgrows their uniform, please donate it for sale by the PA

Only clean, good quality items please – no stains, marks or rips

**Please place all donations in the green wheelie bins provided**



Help us do more for your daughters – success through community



## Success through Community

We are launching the CCHS Foundation<sup>1</sup> as a school community enterprise dedicated to raising funds, through voluntary contributions each year, to provide your daughters with more:

- more resources, including books, journals and websites
- more facilities, including
- ICT infrastructure and digital learning devices
- and more opportunities, including
- enrichment activities and educational visits

### How to contribute financially towards the CCHS Foundation:

#### 1. Set up a Regular payment by Standing Order with your Bank

This provides the Foundation with a regular income to allow us to plan ahead more effectively, and can be set to a payment amount, frequency and date to suit you. Please contact the school at [finance@cchs.co.uk](mailto:finance@cchs.co.uk) for our bank details.

#### 2. Payment via ParentPay

You should find a payment item assigned to your daughter on [ParentPay](#) entitled 'Donate to CCHS Foundation'. Payment may be made via debit or credit card, and the amount can be edited to suit your wishes. Payments may be made as often as you like to suit your circumstances.

Additional payment items may be available at various times, 'giving days', for donating towards a specific fundraising goal.

#### 3. Gift Aid

However you choose to contribute, if you are a UK tax payer, we can benefit further if you complete a Gift Aid Declaration form. This means that we can reclaim from HMRC any income tax you have paid on your donations to us, at a basic tax rate of 20%. The form can be accessed [here](#).

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<sup>1</sup> The CCHS Foundation is not a distinct legal entity but a term we are using for this initiative under CCHS's exempt charitable status as an academy.

## **Ways to donate towards CCHS Capital projects:**

### **1. TotalGiving**

The School has set up an online fundraising page via [TotalGiving](#). This allows you to make regular or single contributions online using a credit or debit card. Gift Aid for eligible donations can also be processed through this route.

### **2. Giving through an employer scheme:**

#### Payroll Giving

Payroll Giving (also known as ‘Give As You Earn’) is a valuable, long term source of revenue, providing regular income to help charities budget and plan more effectively. Your donation can often be made from your pre-tax income. Please ask your employer about this scheme.

As an academy, the School is considered to be an exempt charity and as such does not need to register with the Charity Commission. However, our charitable status is registered with HMRC. ‘Chelmsford County High School for Girls’ should be used as the reference on the payroll giving paperwork.

#### Company Gifts & Matched Funding

Some companies operate schemes allowing employees to nominate a charity for a company donation. This is often under a ‘matched funding’ programme whereby a company will match the donation made by the employee to their chosen charity. Please ask your employer about this scheme.

### **3. CAF Giving – more details**

The Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) makes giving to charity easy. Through CAF, the value of your donation is increased via tax relief, and you have the option to donate anonymously.

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**Leaving a Legacy** Please consider leaving the School a legacy in your will. If you leave a gift to a charity such as CCHS, its value will be deducted from your estate (your money, possessions and property) before Inheritance Tax is calculated.

Thank you, in advance, for any support you can provide to the students of CCHS

